

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

September 9, 2008

As a member of this Board, I am also a member of the Governing Body that provides oversight over the operation of our County's hospitals and safety net system of care. My colleagues and I have a responsibility to make decisions that directly impact the health of all of the people in Los Angeles County. It is a responsibility each of us takes very seriously. Whether it be through decisions about the budget, the administration of the Department of Health Services or the adequacy of corrective action plans, I can only make my decisions based on the information that I receive from the Department of Health Services.

Yet, time and time again this Department has failed to provide this Board with honest and reliable information. They have failed to provide honest information regarding everything from the status of problematic contract doctors tied to CMS citations, to the administration, staffing and competency and training status at MLK, to clinical corrective action plans, to internal investigations, and on and on.

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Antonovich	_____
Burke	_____

I cannot advocate for my constituents with a Department that continues to misrepresent, mislead and misinform this Board. The Board of Supervisors must institute an independent review function, because despite repeated direction, investigations and interventions by this Board, the Department, and its management and leadership, refuses to change. I do not have the answers, but I know that this County has many excellent models for providing administrative accountability and transparency. This Board of Supervisors, as the governing board of our hospitals and clinics, cannot continue to operate in this manner.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT the CEO make recommendations to this Board in two weeks on various options for creating an independent review entity or contractor (for example, similar to the work performed by Mr. Merrick Bobb) which or who would be tasked with investigating and making recommendations to this Board related to all aspects of the administration, operations and functions of the Department of Health Services.

I THEREFORE FURTHER MOVE THAT the CEO report their recommendations to the Board as a set item on September 23, 2008.